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Dear DOJ Group

Thank you for this opportunity to share some thoughts about this settlement. It is not often that we are asked or have opportunities such as this.

As far as the details of the settlement I cannot be specific but in summary I would say that this particular solution is allowing one conglomerate to sidestep the law. Not only sidestep the law but to impinge on fair trade for other systems. If a company has a superior product that product should not be sabotaged just because the larger more well funded company wants that market share.

Let's be realistic for a moment in a fair trade arrangement, meaning all companies have equal opportunities, there would be a better competitive market. Just look at what the IBM suit brought about, PC's on every desk and much more.

I've began my teen life as a programmer at the age of 14 and though that is not my vocation today I have always felt that there were better systems out there. Allowing one company to monopolize one or more markets is certainly not giving the public the tech growth opportunities that are truly out there.

Think for a moment how the FDA handles products that are ingested by humans. Why is it so difficult to see that we are stunting the growth of other products by allowing MicroSoft such an easy out.

Sincerely,
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